

Dear [NAME],

Please join Mike Holtzman tomorrow, May 11th for dinner. Special guests include Ambassador Dell L. Dailey, former head of the State Department's Counterterrorism Office and Director of the Center for Special Operations, which coordinated counterterrorism operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. Also in attendance will be Susan Chira of the New York Times, Gillian Tett, US Managing Editor, Financial Times, and Mosheh Oinounou, Bloomberg TV International Editor.

The dinner will take place at Peter Brown's residence at [REDACTED], and begins at 7.30pm. Please RSVP to [REDACTED] at 212-486-7070 or [REDACTED]. I apologize for the late notice, but we have only just recently finalized the dinner plans. We hope you can attend.



Comité Français pour un Iran Démocratique

As US Prepares to Announce Position on Iranian Resistance, Tens of Thousands Set to Rally in Paris

Prominent Americans to Call for Protection of Residents of Camp Ashraf, Lifting of "Terror" Designation

On Saturday, June 18 a rally estimated to be in the tens of thousands, including hundreds of dignitaries from five continents, will rally at the Parc des Expositions de Paris-Nord-Villepinte to call for a permanent solution to Camp Ashraf—the besieged, Iraq-based home for thousands of members of the Iranian opposition and their families. Among the notable participants will be former New York City Mayor **Rudy Giuliani**, former President, Polish "Solidarity" Movement Leader, and Nobel Peace Prize winner **Lech Walesa**, former US Attorney General **Michael Mukasey**, son of late Senator Ted Kennedy and former US Congressman **Patrick Kennedy**, former **US Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge** and several sitting Members of the US Congress, parliamentary delegations from various EU member states and Arab countries and many senior former counter-terrorism, diplomatic and intelligence officials from the Obama, Bush and Clinton administrations who will call for urgent measures by the UN, US and EU to protect Ashraf residents.

The timing of the event is urgent and propitious: on April 8, the latest in a series of massacres in Camp Ashraf, at the hands of Iraqi soldiers, killed 35 unarmed men and women and injured more than 350. Protecting the residents of Camp Ashraf requires an immediate change in their status. Following a recent US District Court ruling, the US State Department is compelled to reevaluate in the coming weeks the standing of members of the Iranian opposition—all of whom were classified as "terrorists" at the behest of the Iranian regime since 1997. According to Wikileaks, the Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, in a meeting with Charge d'Affaires of U.S. embassy in Baghdad on March 23, 2009, "expressed some frustration and questioned why the government of Iraq had to act so responsibly towards a organization determined to be a terrorist group by both Iraq and the U.S.".

Years ago, the residents of Camp Ashraf renounced violence, surrendered their arms, dedicated themselves to democratic change in Iran, and provided valuable intelligence to democratic allies across the world about Iran's nuclear program, human rights violations, and export of fundamentalism.

The 18 June event will culminate in a proposal to the US President, UN Secretary General, and the EU High Representative offering a long-term and peaceful solution to Ashraf crisis. They will call for an end to any appeasement of the clerical regime, and for adoption of a policy of regime change and recognition of the Iranian Resistance.

Date & Time: Saturday, June 18, 2011, at 03:30pm

Venue: Parc des Expositions de Paris-Nord-Villepinte, 93420 Villepinte

For Interviews Contact: [REDACTED]

Background information:

On April 8, on the orders of Prime Minister Nouri-al-Maliki and at the behest of the Iranian regime, Iraqi forces massacred Ashraf residents, killing 35 residents, and wounding 350. The Iraqi military forces are still inside Ashraf. One-third of the camp is currently under Iraqi military occupation.

The gathering on June 18, takes place eight years after the raid on the headquarters of the National Council of Resistance of Iran on June 17, 2003. Recently, the French judges officially annulled terror charges against officials and members of the Iranian Resistance and recognized the legitimacy of resisting against ruling dictatorship in Iran. A majority of members of the French National Assembly recognize the National Council of Resistance of Iran.